

THE personnel of the German Legation at Peking is being almost entirely changed, and this has been much a surprise to the Chinese and unexpected result, says our Springfield morning contemporary. Baron Heinrich Schöndorfer, who formerly has been minister in New York, is designated to replace the late Baron Bock von Bismarck, and Baron von Sötho is being sent to Canton to take the place of the late Baron von Sötho. The last legation minister, the *Nippo Freie Presse*, has the following very interesting remarks on this important change of the staff:—"It is hardly any wonder that the German Embassy in Peking has been, before finally up to the present time, the appointment of Ministers to this Great power, is supposed to be subject to change. It has long been a matter of surprise that the present German Minister in China has himself so many in the background in the connection of the Far Eastern Question, and that during the session of the Inner Embassy to Peking Herr von Brandt, should have been so conspicuously sought. The explanation of this is that Herr von Brandt was a German when the question reached its acute phase, and Bismarck was no one in Germany, and perhaps not in Europe, better acquainted with the state of affairs in Peking, from both the political and economic points of view. Baron Haykenberg has previously been in the Far East, and he is said to talk with him in the most important—besides a thorough acquaintance with the economic situation in China and the degree of sentiment in business matters, which he has already displayed at Chicago, Visalia, California, and Italy, Calico—so complete knowledge of the Russian language and relations he was a Russian subject before he became German official service. It is very likely which has taken to Russia since the revolution in the Far East, and in view of the importance of the German Report in the Far East, China, and Japan."

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